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Dates for receiving representations regarding the scheme report for the resettlement of the Godavari and Kistna districts.

* 323 Q.—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the reasons which led to the fixing of two different dates for receiving objections, one for proposals relating to rates and the other for other proposals contained in the scheme report for the resettlement of Godavari and Kistna districts; and

(b) whether the Government propose to fix the 31st March 1929 as the date for receiving representations on all the proposals contained in the scheme report?

A.—(a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clauses (a) and (d) of question No. 23 given at the meeting of the Council held on 3rd September 1928.

Examination of sowcars in connexion with the resettlement of Godavari and Kistna districts.

* 324 Q.—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether in connexion with the resettlement of the Godavari and Kistna districts any sowcars from whom cultivating tenants had borrowed were examined in any village with their account books?

A.—No.

Memorials regarding the reclassification of soils and revision of rates.

* 325 Q.—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received memorials from the Lanka ryots of the East Godavari district praying for reasons stated therein for a reclassification of the soils and the revision of the rates fixed in the previous settlement; and

(b) what action has been taken thereon?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The points raised in the memorials will be considered by the Government when orders are passed on the scheme report.

Government Press

Retention of Mr. Gilbert, Superintendent, Government Press.

* 326 Q.—Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN SAHIB: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether Mr. F. L. Gilbert, Superintendent of the Government Press, has already completed his 55th year and still continues in service; if so, under what authority and why he is retained in service;

(b) what was the date of birth given by Mr. Gilbert at the time of his entertainment and recorded in his service register;

(c) whether there is any difference in the date of birth recorded in the service register and that entered in the History of Services; if so, how the mistake occurred and who was responsible for the same; and

(d) what action the Government propose to take against the persons responsible for the mistake?

A.—(a) Yes. Mr. Gilbert has been given an extension of service by Government in the interests of the public service.

(b) The date in Mr. Gilbert's service register is 21st July 1873. Government have no information regarding the date given by Mr. Gilbert when he was first employed by Government.

(c) The date in the History of Services is the 21st July 1874. The history is compiled by the Accountant-General and Government have no information as to who was responsible for the mistake.

(d) Does not arise.

Finance

Estimates of revenue and expenditure from the various departments in Ganjam district.

*327 Q.—Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to lay on the table copies of annual estimates of revenue and expenditure submitted by the heads of various departments from the Ganjam district to the Board of Revenue and the other heads of departments, e.g., Chief Forest Conservator, Director of Agriculture, Director of Public Instruction, the Inspector-General of Police, the Inspector-General of Registration, the Surgeon-General, the Chief Engineers of Irrigation and Public Works Department and the High Court of Judicature at Madras (each separately) for the years of 1926–27 and also for 1927–28?

A.—Heads of departments and other estimating officers submit to the Government only consolidated estimates of revenue and expenditure for all the districts. The estimates for 1926–27 and 1927–28 submitted by the district officers in Ganjam to their heads of departments are not forwarded to the Finance Department nor are they available in the Departments of the Secretariat concerned.

Central Record Office

Research work done by the Officiating Curator.

*328 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed Sahib: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether any publications or research work has been undertaken by the Officiating Curator; if so, what are the publications and research work so far undertaken and completed by him; and

(b) whether there is any definite programme or scheme of work chalked out for execution by the Curator; if not, why not?

A.—(a) Yes. The following reprints of the old records in the Madras Record office have been issued by the present Curator:—

(1) Diary and Consultation Book, 1704.
(2) Do. 1705.
(3) Strange's Expedition to America, 1785-87.